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TO AMEMBASSY RABAT IMMEDIATE

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EXDIS - FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON

FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 251019 ACTION JIDDA KUWAIT CAIRO PARIS INFO  
AMMAN BEIRUT DAMASCUS LONDON AND THE SECRETARY 22 OCT 75

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 251019 TOSEC 160224

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, LE

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING IN BEIRUT

REF: BEIRUT 13087

1. FOR JIDDA, KUWAIT AND CAIRO: PLEASE APPROACH RESPEC-  
TIVE GOVERNMENTS AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL. TELL  
THEM WHAT WE KNOW OF KIDNAPPING. RECALL RECENT CONSULTA-  
TION WITH THEM ON LEBANESE SITUATION WHICH WE HAD INTENDED  
AS PART OF CONTINUING DIALOGUE ON SUBJECT. IN THIS CON-  
TEXT WE NOW COME TO THEM ON PARTICULARLY SERIOUS MATTER.  
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NOT ONLY ARE WE CONCERNED ABOUT WELFARE OF OFFICERS THEM-

SELVES, BUT WE KNOW TROUBLESOME POTENTIAL OF SUCH INCIDENTS  
IN GENERAL LEBANESE INTERNAL SITUATION.

2. WE WOULD VERY MUCH HOPE GOVERNMENTS CAN FIND WAY TO  
HELP SECURE PROMPT, SAFE RELEASE OF KIDNAPPED MEN. WE HAVE  
SOME INDICATION FROM EMBASSY BEIRUT THAT EVENT OCCURRED  
IN AREA NORMALLY CONTROLLED BY PALESTINIANS AND LEFTISTS/  
MOSLEMS, THOUGH IDENTITY OF ABDUCTORS NOT YET KNOWN (YOU  
MAY HAVE MORE INFORMATION FROM BEIRUT BY TIME YOU MAKE  
DEMARCHÉ). WE RECOGNIZE THAT GROUPS YOUR HOST GOVERN-  
MENTS IN CONTACT WITH ARE LIKELY NOT TO BE INVOLVED, BUT  
BELIEVE  
THAT IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT MAXIMUM PRESSURE BE APPLIED  
ASAP ON KIDNAPPERS FROM ALL QUARTERS

IN ORDER OBTAIN RELEASE.

3. FOR JIDDA - NOTE PARTICULARLY HOW MUCH WE HAVE APPRE-  
CIATED SAUDI ASSISTANCE IN PAST, AND STRESS THEIR ROLE OF  
LEADERSHIP IN ARAB WORLD AS A PRINCIPAL REASON WE TURN  
ESPECIALLY TO THEM AT SUCH TIMES.

4. FOR PARIS: TELL GOF, AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL,  
THAT WE HAVE VALUED OUR EXCHANGES TO DATE ON LEBANON AND  
THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS KIDNAPPING WITH THEM TO SEE  
WHETHER THEY FEEL THEY MIGHT BE OF HELP. WE UNDERSTAND  
FROM FRENCH EMBASSY HERE THAT FRENCH HAVE DISCUSSED LEB-  
ANESE SITUATION RECENTLY WITH IRAQIS AND THAT LATTER  
DEPLORED VIOLENCE IN LEBANON AND EXPRESSED INTEREST IN  
RESTORATION OF CALM. IF FRENCH THINK IT MIGHT BE PRODUC-  
TIVE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING THEY COULD DO TO PER-  
SUADE IRAQIS TO USE THEIR INFLUENCE AMONG LEBANESE GROUPS  
WITH VIEW TO SECURING RELEASE OF U.S. OFFICIALS. WE DO  
NOT YET KNOW WHO HAS THEM, BUT IN SITUATION SUCH AS  
THAT IN BEIRUT IT IS IMPORTANT TO APPROACH PROBLEM FROM  
AS MANY DIRECTIONS AS POSSIBLE. INGERSOLL

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